



***Embassy of the United States of America
Madrid, Spain***

Demonstration Notice – April 17, 2013

**MADRID METRO DEMONSTRATION & STRIKES PLANNED FOR APRIL 17, 18, 24 &
25. MADRID MARATHON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28.**

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain regularly, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Madrid Metro demonstration and partial strikes

Today, April 17, at 18:00 hours metro employees will demonstrate between Plaza de la Villa and Cibeles. Due to traffic concerns and police presence, we advise citizens to avoid the area during the demonstration.

Metro services will run at 48% during the times listed on the dates below:

April 14-27, 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17 17:30- 19:30	18 6:30- 8:30	19	20

21	22	23	24 17:30– 19:30	25 6:30– 8:30	26	27
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Madrid Marathon update

Scheduled for 28 April the Marathon is still on and 26,000 runners are expected to participate. Organizers are looking into identifying and increasing security during the event at points considered most vulnerable following the Boston marathon bombings. The organization is expecting 3,000 volunteers, 100 private security personnel, 450 Madrid police and 180 national police to be on duty during the event.

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains the current [Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts](#) as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#) as well as [Country Specific Information for Spain](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well.

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